

Los Cerritos Wetlands Study Group

Planning Commission
Study Session
June 15, 2006

Overview

- What are the Los Cerritos Wetlands?
- What is the Los Cerritos Wetlands Study Group?
- Why are we studying the wetlands?
- Can any study of the wetlands be done effectively without considering plans for the adjacent areas as well?

The Study Area



Communities Represented

- **Alamitos Heights Improvement Association** (Sonia Pawluczyk)
- **Belmont Shores Mobile Estates** (Tom Lockhart, Joan McGrath)
- **Bixby Village HOA** (David Bauer, John Becker)
- **College Estates** (Mike Pugh, Ann Dennison)
- **Island Village HOA** (Dave Bates, Denis Craig)
- **Pacific Villas HOA** (Sam Smock, Lisa Rinaldi)
- **Naples/Save Our Bay** (Ric Trent)
- **Spinnaker Bay HOA** (Hank Snapper)
- **University Park Estates Neighborhood Association** (Janice Dahl, Thomas Marchese)

Study Group Guest Speakers

- Dave Roseman—City Traffic Engineer
- Kevin Green—SCS Engineers
- Mary Small—CA State Coastal Conservancy
- Pam Emerson—CA Coastal Commission
- Angela Reynolds—Community, Environmental and Advanced Planning Officer
- Marty Moreno—L.A. Co. Department of Public Works
- Marice White--Government Solutions
- Tanya Bonfiglio—L.A. Department of Water and Power
- Don May—Earth Corps
- Curtis Henderson—Department of Oil Properties

The Major Issues being Presented

- The Last Remaining Wetlands in Long Beach, by Lisa Rinaldi
- Environmental Concerns, by Ann Dennison
- Traffic/Circulation Issues, by Lisa Rinaldi
- Land Use Concerns, by Janice Dahl

The Last Remaining Wetlands in Long Beach

- Definition of Wetlands per California Coastal Commission and Dept. of Fish & Game
- Wetlands Inventory
- Importance to Humans
 - Survival
 - Quality of Life

How the Wetlands Looked Before Development



THE LOS ANGELES BASIN'S NATURAL COAST

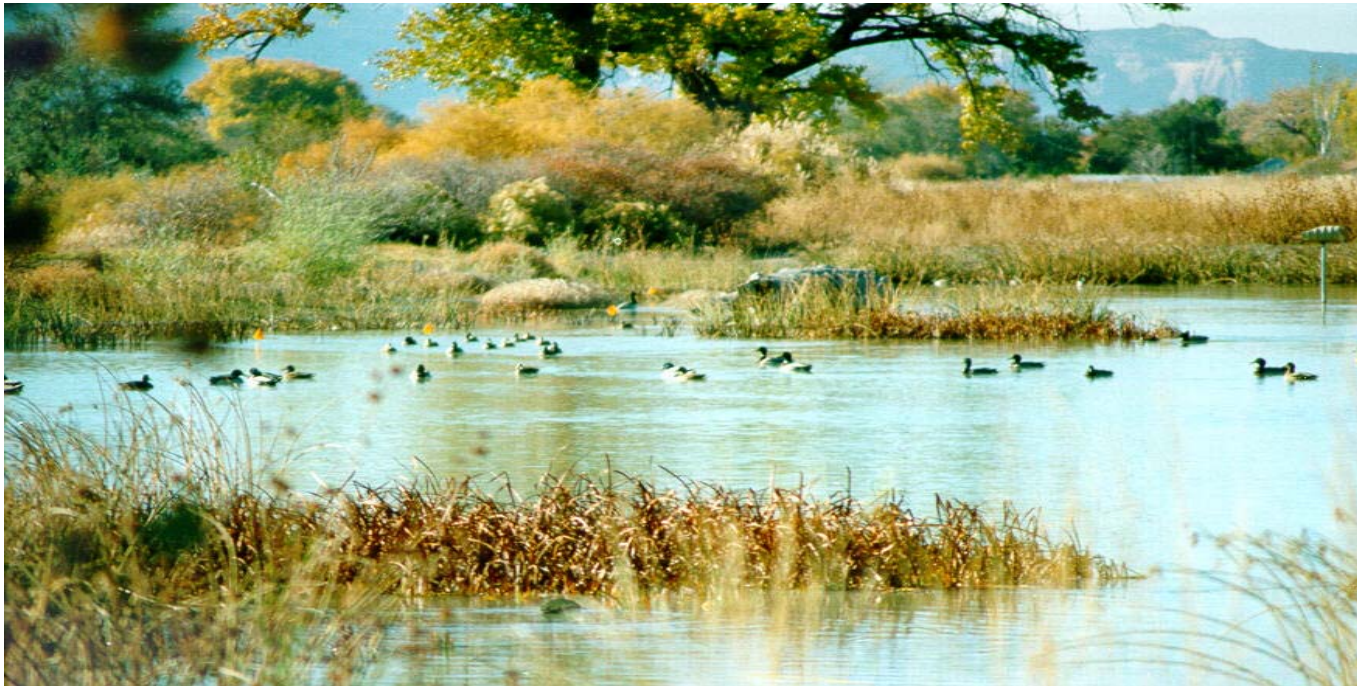
The Last Remaining Wetlands in Long Beach (Cont.)

- Vision, Restoration, and Preservation
- Economic Benefits
- City General Plan for the Area

The Wetlands Today



Environmental Concerns

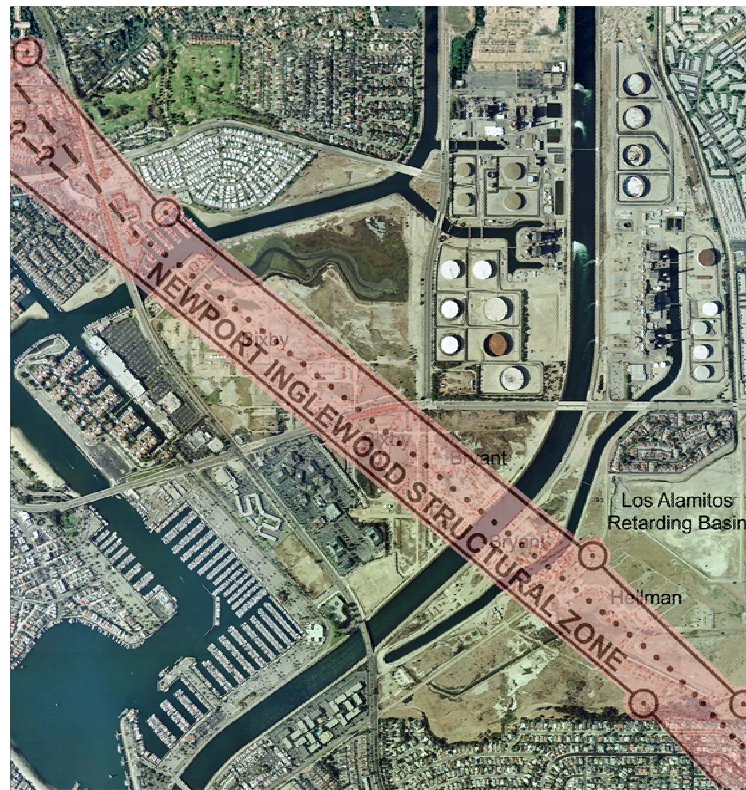


Environmental (Cont.)

- Pollution
 - Air
 - Ground
 - Water
 - Light
 - Contaminants
 - Flotsam, Jetsam, Methane, Petroleum



Alquist-Priolo Zone Map



Environmental (Cont.)



- Quality of Life
 - Health
 - Recreation
 - Educational Opportunities
 - Impact of Humans

Environmental (Cont.)

- Natural Aspect
 - Biological Cycles
 - Existing Structures
 - River Restoration
 - Power Plant Impacts
 - Flood Control Impacts on natural environment vs. the area as a whole



Traffic/Circulation Issues

- Noise
- Burdensome Intersections
 - Loynes/Studebaker
 - Studebaker/2nd Street
 - PCH/2nd Street
- Number of Vehicles
- Aggregate effects of existing and future development proposals
- Traffic Light Coordination



Traffic/Circulation (Cont.)



- Accident Frequency
- Bridge Restrictions
- Air Quality
- Total Assessment (monetary)
- Pedestrian Concerns

Land Use Concerns

- A master plan and zoning determination needed before any development approval
- Geology considerations: earthquake faults, liquefaction, etc.
- Wetlands and open space to be included in the master plan



Land Use (Cont.)



- Revenue opportunities versus expenses both short and long term
- What type of development is acceptable to the impacted community?
- Good quality aesthetics required

Studebaker & Loynes Land Use

- Big box retail is a bad land use
- Infrastructure, Traffic, and Pollution cannot be mitigated
- Land Use should compliment our neighborhoods
- Land Use should be compatible with Los Cerritos Wetlands

Studebaker & Loynes Land Use (cont.)

- Land Use should not jeopardize student safety at Kettering Elementary School
- If developed, it should provide high paying professional jobs

Community Recommendations

- Revision of SEADIP
- Form a Joint Powers Authority
- Place a moratorium on development until revision of SEADIP is completed
- Ban heavy industrial development in the area

Recent Progress



Comments and Questions?



For More Information

- http://www.longbeach.gov/plan/pb/cpd/los_ceritos.asp
- www.sangabrielriver.com
- www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov
- <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/>
- <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/homepage.jsp>

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